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WOLSIEFFER OF CHICAGO.

The greatest of sculptors could not be expected to chisel a statue of Carrara marble, had he only clay for his material of workmanship; the image would needs be one of clay. A writer could not weave an interesting sketch or pen picture of an individual of common-place personality. In the consideration of P. M. Wolsieffer however, an author has a subject fit for rare elaboration, and if he be capable for the work, his article would be readable, as reflecting a personage of so attractive character as that of P. M. Wolsieffer. The personal appearance of Mr. Phillip M. Wolsieffer is best described by the word 'comely'; he is of ordinary stature and rather slightly built. The features of his countenance, while in no wise distinctive, are in all parts agreeable. He has eyes of blue, with the usually accompanying fair complexion, which is a trifle 'sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought.' He has a shapely nose and a heavy mustache conceals the curve of his upper lip. In temperament, Mr. Wolsieffer is evenly balanced; he is not given to moods of hilarious elation, nor to those of dull despair. He is always the same, ever affable and companionable and to this in great part is due his unbounded popularity. Long connection with philatelic matters in Chicago has tended to make his name a familiar word in local stamp collecting circles, while outsiders favorably know him, through his contributions to the philatelic press. Mr. Wolsieffer is noticeably patriotic and whoops it up for Uncle Sam on all suitable occasions. He has been known to shy his castor in the political arena, but we fear that the benighted ward wherein Mr. Wolsieffer has his residence, claims a large majority of democratic voters and so, in spite of great personal popularity, his republican



principals defeat him. Had we our way, we should elect P. M. Wolsieffer, President of the glorious country he loves so well and cherishes so tenderly. Mr. Wolsieffer is a suitor to "Lady Nicotine" in the respect that he indulges moderately in the use of cigars. He has figured prominently in the annals of the Chicago Philatelic Society, having been president and secretary respectively, for several terms, and he is now treasurer of the organization. About a year ago he embarked in the stamp and music business, going into partnership with a local stamp dealer. Later, his connection with that firm ceased and Mr. Wolsieffer engaged quarters at his present location, where his Chicago admirers and visiting friends may always receive a sincere welcome and a hearty handshake. Mr. Wolsieffer would scarcely be called a man of "brilliant" attainments; rather they would be designated sterling. In friendship, he is true; not a friend of the fair weather sort, and his sturdy loyalty to acquaintances is one of the elements of his composition. In certain ways, P. M. Wolsieffer is far-sighted and when advisable, can be very diplomatic in dealing with persons. Then again, at times he may be tardy in grasping opportunities or in seizing ideas. Some one has complained that it is difficult to disabuse him of an opinion, which he may wrongfully hold, and that he is not to be persuaded by argument to change his position. This, we consider a mild libel on Mr. Wolsieffer. Mr. Wolsieffer is not a paragon of manly virtues; he is but human and we do not contend that, "When nature such a mould had introduced, She broke it, and none like it since produced." We maintain only, that P. M. Wolsieffer possesses such qualities of heart and head as entitle him to the respect of his fellow-men.

NOTES AROUND TOWN.



The Western Stamp and Coin Co.'s auction on May 30th was well attended, a number of visiting collectors being present.

Some stamps went cheap, especially the pair of 90c.; 1868, which only brought \$11.25. This lot was easily worth \$18.00.

Lot 1—New York, 1843 issue blue glazed paper on original cover brought \$14.00, and an unsevered pair of 1845 also on envelope, brought \$16.05.

A horizontal strip of 4 7c. 1870, unused brought \$20.50, while the \$10 and \$20 State, very fine specimens, brought \$29.75 and \$31.75 respectively.

The only stamp worthy of special mention in the foreign, was the Tuscany 1852-60c, which brought \$15.50.

Two large sales will be held by the above firm in July and August, one of them being a two night sale.

The members of the W. P. U. who were present at the meeting on May 25th, were pleasantly surprised by Mr. C. W. Price of Plymouth, Michigan, a traveling salesman for D. B. Feery & Co., Seedsmen, Detroit, Michigan.

It goes without saying that Mr. Price is a stamp collector, but no one, among the collectors present, expected to see such a lot of stamps as Mr. Price exhibited.

He acted in an every-day sort of a way when he began to hand out his stamps, a Canada 6d perf. cut in half and used as a 3d. on original envelope; two 2d. 1861 issue Prince Edw. Is. with a Cariboo Paid stamp, also one envelope.

Next he began on Nova Scotia, showing an unsevered strip of three 1d., a lot of 6d. in both light and dark green and when asked if he had a one shilling brought forth, three one shilling on part of a cover and two on another. This was too much. All the onlookers fainted except "The Rounder" and Mr. Price, who together managed to revive the balance of the party with a Continental mixture. German and French equally divided.

Like all travelers Mr. Price is a story teller and I give one of them to show his stamp finding ability.

He was up in a small town in Canada, his stamping ground, and went into a bank to purchase some old coins, being a coin as well as stamp collector. After getting what he wanted he told the clerk that he was paying 25 cents a piece for 6d. and 1s. Nova Scotia. The clerk seemingly did not pay much attention to this, but later in the day Mr. Price received a note asking him to call, which Mr. Price did.

To make a long story short, he obtained three or four shillings and a couple of sixes. Among this find was an envelope, having on it one 1s., a 6d. and two 1d.

Mr. S. B. Bradt has just opened his new office in the Central Bank Building at 155 Washington St., here he will be pleased to receive a call from his visiting philatelic friends; office hours are from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., and between the hours of 2 and 5 he will be found at the stamp exhibit in the Government Building at the World's Fair.

Mr. Albert A. Rogers was one of the many visitors to the World's Fair City during the past month. He arrived Monday June 5th, and stayed four days, just long enough to arrange and number what stamps of the A. P. A. Exhibit that he had with him. In speaking of his Blue Book, Mr. Rogers stated that in devoting what spare time he had in the evenings to it, he was over a year working to complete the lists of names that were published in this book, and would not undertake to issue another edition, if \$500 more was added to what he made on this edition.



Among the many foreign faces that we have seen were those of the following gentlemen: Mr. Norton of St. Paul, Minn.; L. V. Buskirk, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Ind., this gentleman has a most magnificent collection of U. S. and also makes Proofs one of his specialties; W. W. MacLaren, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Williams, Pres Branch 3 W. P. U., Portland, Oregon; O. W. Briggs, Paw Paw, Ill.; S. K. Rhorer Jr., Bloomington, Ind.; J. A. Heckelman, Cullom, Ill.; G. B. Calman of New York City who stayed several days at the Auditorium Hotel;

F. Wagener and wife of San Francisco, Cal., who will remain in the city about one week, and J. Eugene Law of Perry, Iowa.

Mr. Bernitchon the dealer from Paris, was caught for over \$1000 by the failure of the Nat. Bank of Deposit of New York City. He was agreeably surprised when Calman offered to let him draw on him for any amount he might need. A member of the best fraternity in the world would not be treated as well in such a case as this as Mr. Bernitchon was. So much for stamp collecting fellowship.

Speaking of being caught by banks, both the Western Stamp and Coin Co., and W. A. Fletcher and Co., can tell a story. The former has its deposit in the Chemical, Nat. Bank, and Fletcher is in the same fix with the Columbian Bank.

Our friend from Hoosterdom, Mr. Massoth, is now a "schtamp brokah" if you please.

THE ROUNDERS.

NEW FOUNDLAND. ITS STAMPS AND ITS FORGERIES

(Continued from last month.)

Three years later, in 1866, the third series of stamps appeared.

This issue was engraved by the American Bank Note Company, the value being changed to cents so as to correspond with the change in currency.

The cost of this series of six hundred thousand stamps was a little over \$2,200, and \$600 was paid for the engraved plates. The first stamp of this series, the 2-cent, has been quite extensively counterfeited.



Two-cent oblong, 100 stamps to the sheet, printed on stout, hard yellow white paper, perforated 12.

The labels bearing the words *New Foundland* and *Two Cents* have a solid background, while those

on the sides and corners have a background of fine lines. The words at the sides and the figures "2" in each of the four corners are shaded at the edges with dark color, which makes them stand out as though they were solid. The white of the fish's eye is oval and the white spot in the pupil is to the left. Of the many forgeries of this stamp, the following are the most dangerous: A lithograph on white wove paper perforated 12½, all the labels are solid, and the figures and letters have a flat appearance. The top part of the "t" in the word "cents," is joined to the letter "s". Another, a lithograph on thin white paper, the right-hand label, containing the word *Two*, is solid, while the others have a background of lines as in the genuine. The white of the fish's eye is round and staring, and the white spot in the pupil is to the right.

Five-Cent Brown: Paper same as the 2-cent, perforated 12. The forgery of this stamp is lithographed, and printed on thin, white paper and badly perforated 13½. The seal's whiskers are very coarse and dark, the mouth and eye are not visible. The whole of the horizon seems to be filled with icebergs. The lettering at the top is more or less imperfect.



Ten-Cent Black: Printed on greyish white wove paper, perforated 12. There are two rows of jewels or braid on which the small crown rests on the left side of the collar, at the bottom. The white lines on the right shoulder are very fine, and have the proper curve to make the chest appear in relief. The forgery on this stamp is a very finely executed lithograph, printed in a very pale black, on a poor wove paper, perforated 13. On the left side of the collar at the bottom is a very distinct single row of pearls. The white lines on the right shoulder are very coarse and are drawn obliquely without any curve. The rest of the stamp

has been copied, almost line for line, from the genuine.

Twelve Cent Pink: Printed on hard wove paper, perforated 12. The period after the word *New Foundland* touches the final "d". The tongue of the buckle is lightly and partially shaded. There are five pearls visible on the coronet. In the forgery the period after the word *New Foundland* is at some distance from the final "d". The tongue of the buckle is dark, and shaded all over, and there are but three pearls visible on the coronet. The ground-work behind the back and top of the head is cross-shaded.



J. R. Ferris

Sec'y Branch 1, W. P. U.

(To be Continued).

MY SWISS CANTONALS.

Having a philatelic turn of mind, and having for several years devoted nearly all of my leisure hours to the study of this fascinating and interesting subject and all of my scant spare change to the effort of getting up a creditable collection. I encountered first a difficulty, under which doubtless, all beginners labored, that, of not exactly knowing what and how to collect.

Accordingly, I adopted first one, and then another plan; now, collecting none but uncanceled stamps, and then allowing an occasional cancelled specimen to smuggle in, vowing however, in my mind, to take the intruder out of my album, as soon as an uncanceled specimen could be procured in its stead.

It is not an easy matter to adhere strictly to one plan of collecting, especially so, if one's means are limited; and the latter being unfortunately my case, it was perhaps but natural, that I should fall into the same error, as most of the younger devotees of "Philatelia," namely, to acquire first as many of the cheaper foreign stamps as possible, and then to pride themselves on the size and variety of their collection.

For a time I placed great stress upon the possession of locals and telegraph stamps; until after reading many of the elaborate articles on Philately, in the various issues devoted to the interest of our science, my taste and views became more matured, and I finally determined to collect none but strictly postal, and to weed out all the Hussey's, Bloods, and what else their names might be, and which threat I at once carried into execution by cutting out all pages relating to this subject from my album, including the famous Hamburg locals, upon which I had always looked with an evil eye.

I now traded off this truck to the best advantage I could, and invested the proceeds in the older U. S. issues, determined to make this division of my collection, including departments, as complete as

possible; and to-day I can say with pride, that my collection, in this respect at least, will compare most favorably with those of most amateur collectors.

I also found it an impossibility to collect uncanceled specimens only, as many of them cannot only be had in that condition, but with others it is questionable whether they are genuine, and I now take them as they come, provided they are clean and in perfect condition, and not much blurred by cancellation marks.

Up to a certain time last fall, all went along harmoniously, and by slow degrees I was adding one rare stamp after another to my collection, until by occasionally reading the numerous advertisements of dealers, I logically came to the conclusion that, where so many advertise continuously, there must also be very many purchasers; and as I knew of at least two enterprising firms in my immediate vicinity, who were apparently making money, and who at the same time were extensively adding to their private collections, I caught the infection, and I at once sent my entire available capital—consisting of the enormous sum of two dollars and a half—to an extensive wholesale dealer, with instructions to send me in return, as large a variety of the cheaper foreign sets as he could, and which are so well calculated to catch the eye of the unwary school boy. I also ordered a number of blank approval sheets, and some hinge paper; all, as a matter of course, to be delivered to me at the wholesalest wholesale rates.

In due time my magnificent assortment arrived, and I had all reason to be satisfied with my purchase; but, having also exhausted my capital, I was unable to insert a flaming advertisement in at least one of the monthlies, and not wishing to remain inactive, until I could replenish my coffers, I forthwith arranged my stock in trade in the most tempting manner upon approved sheets, and having also marked the price under each specimen in red ink, and which, in all cases, was either double or treble that of the cost, I lost no time in informing "Young America" that I was in the market for their patronage, and that I was not only prepared to sell and exchange, but that I was also ready to purchase postage stamps in any quantity, not excepting entire collections; and that, being engaged in other business during the entire day, my office hours would be from 7.30 p. m., till ten, or even later, if necessary.

Having exhibited my magnificent sheets to a few of my former schoolmates, the bait took at once; and I soon had the delightful satisfaction of being occupied, till late every night, in showing and selling stamps, and ere long I was obliged to send for a second supply, fully believing that I was now firmly established in business that my future was secure, and that I should soon be able to inform the world at large, by means of the various journals, where matchless bargains might be had.

Alas! how short-lived was my joy. After a successful run of about a month, I seemed to have gathered in all the spare pennies and bursted all the savings banks of the juvenile community, and though many a wishful eye rested nightly upon my tempting display, yet the actual purchasers

were few and far between. Such a sorrowful state of affairs I had not anticipated, and becoming disgusted with the entire business, I threw out a hint or two that, for want of time, my entire stock was for sale at cost price for cash, or in exchange for rare native or foreign stamps. I did not have to wait long. Among my patrons was a bright youth of about fourteen summers, Ed. Nortup by name, and who had been purchasing of my wares more extensively than others, and whose ambition had been (seeing my success) to also become a dealer, and he informed me one evening that he was not averse to parting with a few rare specimens out of his album in exchange for my stock in trade. "For," as he remarked, "I am still visiting schools and my chances of selling are therefore much better than yours; and after all, I would rather be a dealer than a collector." Now as I had by actual experience arrived at the opposite conclusion, and having felt how hard it is to part with rare stamps which you might wish to retain for your album, yet, which being a "dealer," you cannot well refuse to sell, I informed him that I was willing to make the exchange.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

According to *Nordisk Frimærkeblad* there is to be a general meeting of the Scandinavian philatelists this summer at Lund, Sweden.

Among the subjects to be discussed the following is of interest to every collector: The stopping of exchanging and dealing within the societies; this to raise philately within Sweden to what it really is, namely, a science, which is now opposed, since the desire for gain takes up most of the interest to the detriment of studies and researches.



Through the kindness of Mr. Wolsieffer, we are able to chronicle the new surcharge on the 1882, one cent, which have just arrived.

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GOVT.
1893.**

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15c	40c	4 25
30c	80c	8 25
50c	\$1 25	\$12 50
\$1 00	4 50	45 00
1c Columbian envelopes,	30c per 100	
2c " "	15c " "	
5c " "	15c " 10	
10c " "	25c " "	

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In August we shall offer a fine lot of stamps, the property of Jno H. Hooper of Ottawa, Canada, which embraces probably the finest lot of Afghanistan stamps ever offered at auction, also a number of the very rare Scinde Dawk stamps, and other rarities.

Any one who is interested and whose name is not on our regular mailing list is requested to drop us a postal and catalogues of the above sales will be mailed as soon as out.

WESTERN STAMP AND COIN COMPANY,

136 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.